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(S/NF) On October 2, Tunisian Chemical Group (GCT, www.gct.com.tn) Chairman Abdelhafidh Nessiri told PolEconCouns that his company, the leading producer of ammonium nitrate in Tunisia, had phased out ammonium nitrate distribution in Tunisia given GOT concerns about the threat of terrorism and the possible use of explosive precursors. Nessiri said that ammonium sulfate is now the only fertilizer available in Tunisia, and that GCT is the sole distributor. All ammonium nitrate currently produced by GCT is for export only.

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